



# North Coast Interstate 5

## HOV/Express Lanes Project

### FACT SHEET

#### GOALS

Reduce current and future traffic congestion on Interstate 5 in the North San Diego Area

Increase traffic capacity and provide long-range improvements for I-5

Provide high occupant vehicle lanes to enhance mobility for carpools and buses

Minimize environmental impacts

#### THE PROJECT

Caltrans is proposing to construct one additional carpool lane in each direction from Genesee Avenue to Manchester Avenue on I-5. The Department is also proposing to add two carpool/express lanes in each direction from Manchester Avenue to Vandergrift Boulevard/Harbor Drive in Oceanside and potentially one general purpose lane in each direction from Del Mar Heights Road to State Route 78.

The volume of traffic will be managed using tolls, similar to the existing express lanes on I-15. Tolls will change as lanes reach capacity to discourage single occupant drivers from using the express lanes.

#### TRAFFIC

The average daily traffic volume near Del Mar Heights Road, the highest use area, is 224,000 vehicles. The portion of I-5 between Encinitas and I-805 is congested in the peak hours of travel. By 2030, traffic near Del Mar Heights Road is expected to reach 345,000 vehicles. The improvements proposed in the Draft North Coast Transportation Study will meet the future traffic needs.

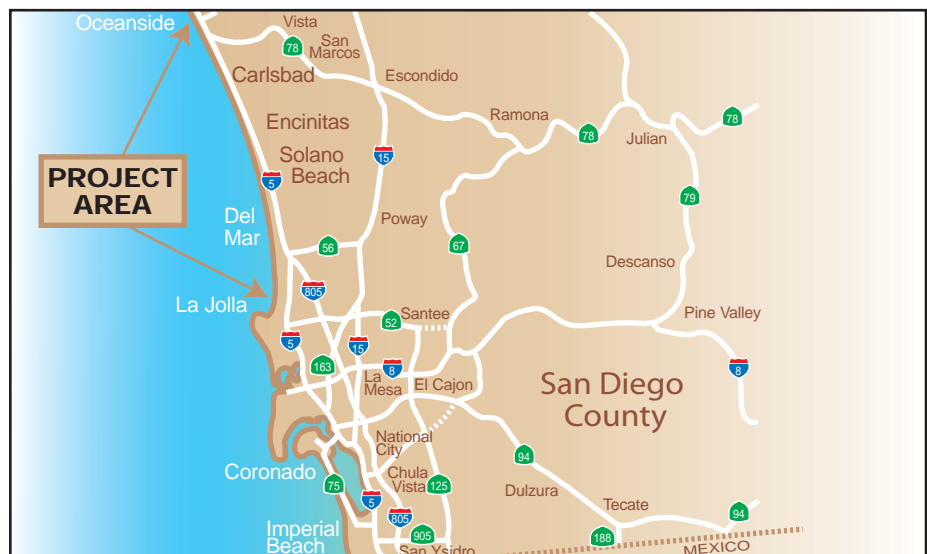
#### STATUS

Caltrans conducted public scoping meetings in the cities of Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Diego, and Solana Beach in early 2004. Preliminary engineering and environmental studies are complete. The Draft Environmental Document will be available for public review in the summer.

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